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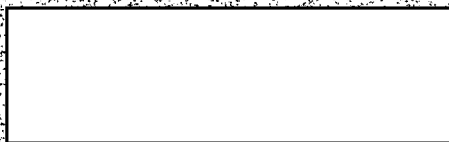
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REMARKS

Attached, per Mr. Gates' request, is a short report on the status of APEX for use in briefing the President.



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APEX Status Report--8 September 1980

1. Since January 1980, considerable progress toward APEX implementation has been made. We are not, however, up to the schedule in the Final Report, primarily because it did not foresee the complexities of a community-wide reeducation program or the resource implications of a massive system changeover. []

2. Major accomplishments include:

-- Publication of single APEX Security Policy Manuals and accompanying Procedural Handbooks for government and industry.

-- Production of three audiovisual presentations for indoctrination purposes, in videotape, 16mm film and audiotape/slide formats.

-- Publication and distribution of a variety of briefing aids, including equivalency tables, for converting to APEX.

-- Promulgation, after protracted negotiations, of a single nondisclosure agreement.

-- Seminars have been conducted for government and industry officials concerned with conversion to APEX.

-- The ability to issue a document with [] protection has existed since February but has not been utilized. []

3. Decompartmentation of imagery has begun and probably will be largely completed by 1 January. Planning for the conversion of the Navy operational programs is at an advanced state. Planning for other operational compartments and subcompartments is in train. []

[] Development of a computerized, community-wide data base for all APEX approvals progresses at a commendable rate. []

4. The 1 January 1981 planning target date for initial implementation will be reviewed with NFIB around 1 November, focusing on the readiness of the US Government, industrial contractors []

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5. Major hurdles ahead include:

a. Determining the Community's resource requirements for APEX document control and accountability, which essentially are those prescribed by ISOO Directive No. 1 and the National Archives.

b. Industrial contractors regard APEX implementation as a change in contract scope, and will seek increased compensation. This will be carefully monitored.

c. Uniform industrial security standards will be difficult to achieve because of existing and differing security practices and philosophies of each agency. In the long run, uniform security practices will benefit the taxpayer.



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